"To care for bim who bas borne the battle, and for his widow and

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RUSSIA has given the Jews a year in which to leave the country or become Christians. They would have little trouble in becoming such Christians as the Rus-

Western Union Telegraph by the Penn- rate without any farther trouble to him. justify their destruction of property. GEORGIA juries do not fall behind in gal-

lantry their brethren elsewhere. They have unanimously acquitted a handsome woman of murder upon her mere statement that the man she shot had traduced this terrible ordeal of re-examination and "additional evidence." The service pension bill will give it to them at once, by of men recruited from the working that the most determined defenders on property would be the men who are dependent upon its preservation for the pendent upon its preservat

Kans., and other Kansas comrades are without any formality. There are over entering vigorous protests in the papers 38,000 who are getting \$8 per month or make a resolute and intelligent fight against the desecration of Memorial Day less. The same remarks apply to them against the desecration of Memorial Day less. The same remarks apply to them by "a big racing event at Fort Riley, May as to those of the lower ratings. The cause they are National Guardsmen is an act of folly for the employer."

THERE is the most appalling famine in nently deserve at their time of life. There China, with thousands actually starving to are 26,000 who are receiving \$10 per death in every locality, and the people are selling their children for a few dollars in line of duty, and every one of whom order to get food to support life. None deserves to have his pension raised at of our jerry political economists are able to attribute this to either the crime of '73, the tariff laws, the trusts, or the British domination in India.

ABOUT the poorest defense on record is that of certain high Post Office officials majority of those at present on the penwho throw themselves back in an injured way upon the allegation that the clerk to those who deserve to be on the rolls, sent to examine their account was "abrupt, even to impoliteness," in asking searching questions. Men whose accounts will not bear scrutiny cannot be approached too politely.

THE American soldiers in the Philippines continue to hunt ladrones to their holes in a way that is very discouraging led by Lieuts. Reese and Finlayson penetrated to the very headquarters of all the robbers, scaled a double stone wall in the face of a terrific fire, and with clubbed guns beat all the fight out of about 150 ladrones, killing the leader. The boys who follow the Old Flag seem to have its fell inspiration of the first penetration of the first penetration of the facts, however, in relation to Gov. Andrew, of Massachusetts, was the first to do that, but am not perfectly sure. I am sure of the facts, however, in relation to Gov. Holbrook.—H E. Taylon, Co. F, 4th Vt., Brattleboro, Va. full inspiration all the time.

ning to inquire through the papers what April 9, 1865, would be a better date. is the meaning of the rapid decrease in This is also the date established by the the pension rolls in that State. During G. A. R. in its requirements for member-1902 the loss from the rolls was 3,912. or an average of nearly 100 per week. This is a matter of serious importance to the business men, since there are over their regiments were not discharged until 67,000 pensioners in the State; \$2,675,000 that year. We should like to hear what pension money goes into circulation every the comrades' views are upon this limitathree months, and \$10,700,000 every year. tion. The business men agree with The National THE CONFEDERATE NATIONAL ENCAMP-Tribune, that this distribution of money is a most healthful influence in business, and its decrease would be dangerous in helping precipitate a panic.

work in which every one will bid him the United Confederate parade sent out by in which the Angel foretells the various Godspeed. He is riding through Breath. the agent of the Associated Press: itt County, Kentucky, and the moutain region generally, using his utmost endeavors to stop the bloody feuds which have close to her heart the incarnate spirit of the Confederacy, and for her it lived and family is one of the strongest in Eastern Kentucky, and are of the same blood as the General, and he thinks he can exercise much influence with them. He finds field and flung it loose to the wind that the wind th that the County organization of Breathitt loved it well, the symbol of the cause for which the heroes fought and by whose blood it was purged and sanctified. It was its machinery is seized by one side or the other and used to oppress the opposite the old soldiers of the South an offering clan. He suggests that the County be of affection that was closely akin to wor ship." divided up between the adjoining ones and

claims to be "as loyal as any part of the THE MAN who commanded the first of the 12 picked regiments selected to make United States," and to be thoroughly recthe famous charge at Spotsylvania Court onciled to the present order of things! House has passed away. Gen. Clark S. Edwards died at his home in Bethel, Me., about "stirring up sectionalism." May 3, on the anniversary of his fight at Salem Church, 40 years ago. At the outbreak of the war he was a contractor and prospects for the ratification of the Canal builder, but literally dropped his tools Treaty by the Congress of the United upon the work on which he was engaged States of Colombia are constantly getting when the news came to him of the firing gloomier. Quite a number of men who and that his all pervading Fatherhood on Fort Sumter, and telegraphed the Gov- claim to be informed on the subject think ernor for authority to raise a company, there is no chance of the ratification. With This was granted him, and he became our knowledge of the character, or rather Captain of Co. I, 5th Me., in which he the lack of it, of the scrubby politicians, served until Gaines's Mills, when his who form the governing class in South Colonel, having been wounded, his Lieu- America we interpret this to mean a hope tenant-Colonel killed and the Major inca-pacitated, the command of the regiment States more than has been offered. They tenant-Colonel killed and the Major incadevolved upon him, and ever afterward he led the 5th Me., one of the most glorious regiments that ever stood in line of battle. It claims to have captured twice as many prisoners as the total enrollment of way of our plans. A million dollars more the regiment. He commanded the regiment in its successful assault on Rappahannock Station, where he captured over 1,000 men, and 20 officers surrendered their swords to him. He was promoted to Brigadier-General, and when he returned home he re-entered the old business and the Panama scheme, and take up the Nicaragua. Such would be a righteons varied and improving the world and manjudgment upon those men, for if we should temperance man, a Universalist in religion, and a Democrat in politics. In 1886 of getting anything at all would vanish. his party nominated him for Governor, and he received the unusual number of 55,000 votes. He was one of the Commis- lutely valueless, and the towns along it. which supply a large portion of the Colomsioners to the World's Fair at Chicago in 1893. He was loved and respected bian revenue would rot down as their peothroughout Maine as it was the privilple moved to the new cities built up on the Nicaragua route.

## HELP TO A MUCH-DESERVING CLASS. There are over 100,000 invalids on the

pension rolls under the old law who receive less than \$12 per month. These are men who have succeeded in proving that their disabilities are directly due to their service. In order to secure the allowance they have had to go through the dreariest work of procuring evidence from comrades and officers, a large proportion of whom Surgeons, and their correspondence with the Pension Bureau has extended over ter-writing. Their hearts have been sickened by calls for "additional evidence"

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posed \$12 per month service pension bill,

and its effect upon all classes of pen-

sioners. It will be a great benefit to the

sion rolls, as well as be a grateful relief

but have not yet succeeded in furnishing

sufficient evidence to meet the require-

AS TO THE DATES.

late went far in liberality, and possibly

ship. Some comrades have believed that

carrying it into 1866, as they say that

"To New Orleans was revealed this day

Think of such stuff being written by a

American, of the people of a city which

Yet these are the men who clamor mo

IF WE are to believe the dispatches, the

ments of the Pension Bureau.

"It is easy to-day to smile at the thought are now dead. They have had to undergo of what would have happened to the repeated examinations by the Boards of North if the cause of the Union had been benten by the South; but if Lee had won at Geftysburg, as he came dangerously near doing, Baltimore, Washington and years of fearfully tedious waiting and let-Philadelphia would have fallen into his tar writing. Their hearts have been sickrecognized by all Europe as a nation; the whole South would have supported Lee's victory with intense energy and courage, and they have experienced all the sorrows and in that event terms of peace would have made the Confederate boudholder of the wencisome circumlocution of Pension Bureau methods. look smiling and the holder of United States bonds took as melancholy as a miser whose strong box had been robbed.

GOOD CAN COME OUT OF GALILEE.

copy of the Portland Oregonian said:

As the comrade who sent us the marked

"The Port and Oregonian is more or less an echo of the New York Evening Post, but occasionally it has a lucid interval, as the following editorial will

(The pertinent part of the editorial is

Every one of them is now much older than he was when his pension was al-"The youth of the country who fought for the Union and fell where they fought lowed. His wants and disabilities have greatly increased their tyrannous demands spent their lives for a sentiment, for a fing, but behind that flag crouched the upon him. Yet, if he applies for an inrease he will have to go over much of bankers and traders of every great city this again, and supply evidence which of the land, with their hearts in their mouths, for they knew that the loss of the death of comrades and officers. No tual waste of the gallant blood of the one denies that as he grows older and one denies that as he grows older and er's and the trader's treasure. How stocks and bonds would have tumbled, nore necessitous his pension should be increased. But this would be impossible how prices of land and houses would have fallen in great cities, had Lee occupied Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia! under the rigid requirements for "additional evidence." It is cruel at his time of Verily, the great merchant and trader has no real security to-day for a single dollar life to require him to go through the same siege that he did when he got his original of his superfluons wealth except the bayo-allowance. The passage of the 12 per or of the Line month service pension bill will immediateof this the great trader and merchant and THE CUTTING down of the poles of the ly increase his pension to a more suitable banker is most deeply interested in making our National Guard the finest body of western Union Telegraph by the Penastrate without any lartner from 8 to mid-sylvania Company sets a frightfully bad example, which will be used by strikers to justify their destruction of property.

The Penastrate without any lartner from 8 to mid-ing it by discriminating against employees who seek to join it. A single day's nu-checked riot in a great city would cast militin in the world instead of demoraliz conceded by every one that those who were granted \$6 per month years ago for class whose stake is the largest in the efwounds and disabilities incurred in line ficiency of the National Guard should in directly seek to demoralize it. of duty now deserve at least \$12 per month. But they cannot get it without that the most determined defenders of

> sions fully 50 per cent., which they emi-ANOTHER SURVIVING WAR GOVERNOR. month for wounds and disabilities incurred yet survives. A letter from Comrade Taylor reminds us of still further forgetleast 20 per cent., to \$12 per month. These fulness. He says: instances show the justice of the pro-

force of the business world will naturally

EDITOR NATIONAL TIBUNE: I see in to-day's issue of The National Tribune, in the account of the death of ex-Goy.
Ramsey, of Minnesota, the statement that to be "the" one.
"When is it to be, Maria?" asked An Ramser, of Minnesota, the statement that it is death leaves only one of the war Governor of king death leaves only one of the war Governor of the man lead impact that Mandy is abused, I reckon. Can we all go, Father?"

"It was I then the think man was to most momentous occurrence of a would not be still the most momentous occurrence of a woman's life as though it was a matter of hiring a preacher or anything else companied to the form the hand of the war of the one of the companied on the streets, and greet in the very leave of his man, and is always glad to greet his many fined, and summation of his better and Sandy's." said little Pete with swar of hiring a preacher or anything else companied to the Governor of hiring a preacher or anything else companied to the one of the war of the man line of the companied on the preacher of the There is one important feature in con-nection with our \$12 per month service matters pertaining to the Government. He pension bill which we wish the comrades to attentively consider, but to which they and is always glad to greet his "boys holes in a way that is very discouraging to the brigand industry, and is a most have so far paid little attention. That is, startling change from the Spanish way of the dates between which the 90 days' sortions a copy of a letter written by him to startling change from the Spanish way of doing things. The latest achievement of this kind was when a little band of scouts led by Lieuts. Recse and Finlayson pene-

In his reply to Gov. McCullough, exopinion that placing the latter date so Gov. Holbrook says:

through nine decades of mortal life, and am now started on the tenth decade, which, however, in the nature of things, we should make the latter date still wider, shall endeavor to follow the advice of the Angel to our forefather Adam:

thou liv'st Live well; how long, or short, permit to

THE CONFEDERATE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

It is said that the New Orleans barkeepers mix the most bewildering drinks
known to man. We can judge something
of their effect, in reading this account of GEN. O. O. Howard is engaged in a of their effect, in reading this account of the Angel Michael and our father Adam aches and pains and ills the human race would be subject to; whereupon Adam

These painful passages, how we may

taught, In what thou eat'st and drink'st; seeking from thence nourishment, not gluttonous delight

Till many years over thy head return: So mays't thou live; till ripe fruit, thou drop Into thy mother's lap; or be with case Gathered, not harshly pincked, for death This is old age."

"What changes I have seen in my 90 what changes I have seen in my 90 years! Progress in the world, and in mankind, seems to be the design and plan of 'Our Father which art in Heaven.' And although His ultimate designs are often kept in sacred reserve which we mortals cannot penetrate, still we see that—

"It is love that makes the world go Lives through all life, extends through

all extent: Spreads undivided, operates unspent; and compasses and directs all, with ma

"This is a comforting thought for all think that we are limitlessly rich and exwould be a sweet balm to the Bogota politicians. Our State Department should lose no time in letting them know that we are up to the limit, and that unless our man nature. So progress of the human

"In my old age I love to consider these choose the Nicaragua route their chances things. And I am daily thankful now that through life I have cultivated a love and taste for sentiment, for now it warms and taste for sentiment, for now it warms the chance the spirit splayers the thus keeping the heart, young and fresh. In fact, what color is to nature, that refined sentiment is to human nature and each were impoverished indeed if robbed of its distinctive coloring." Si Klegg, Shorty and the Boys of Co. Q. On the March through the Carolinas

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he Ladies Plan for the Wedding-The News | heart, he felt himself to be a good dea Gets Outside and Excites the Camp.

"Of course, it isn't as though you Klegg, as she and the girls sat at the table after the Beacon left, "but I certainly do hate to have you marry way down here. Mandy will how over it, and, then, you can't have any of the neighbors to the wedding."

"And she em?" have any of the "Mother, hadn't you better do something for her? I'll dig some dandelion roots and the size of the character in a corner of the size over her there is a corner of the "Here's one from Sol Fry's best girl."

"Here's one from Sol Fry's best gi adn't anything, at home," said Mrs.

neighbors to the wedding."

And she can't have an Infair, either, 'ohimed in Annabel. 'Me and Si didn't have a real one, though we had reception have a real one, though we had reception but it don't seem like being really and truly married when there isn't any white truly married when there isn't any white dress, and no Infair," she added plain dress, and no Infair, 'she added plain to the same date of the same date of the same great bless in you make her some tea. She needs tonin' up, I bleeve."

Maria raised her head at this, the tears shining on her long lashes, and smiles that the will get well as fast as some others I know. I must send it right in others. I know. I must send it right in him.' I guess it must have filled her up to get it, and now that here has come, I think he will get well as fast as some others I know. I must send it right in him.' I guess it must have filled her up to get it, and now that here has come, I think he will get well as fast as some others. I know. I must send it right in him.' I guess it must have filled her up to get it, and now that here has come, I think he will get well as fast as some others. I know. I must send it right in below. 'Hello,' she continued, as she came back, resumed running them over, and picked out two letters in little white entable in the cloud hard. The beacon came in while Maria was spelling out the letter, for it was no easy task to read Mandy's cramped characters. dress, and no Infair," she added plain-tively. Annabel did dearly love the cere-

resting upon it and her chin buried in her upraised hands. The full sleeves of the gaudy calico dress which Annabel had finished, fell back from her rounded white arms, and her shining brown hair was brushed a little back from her face and caught up with a bunch of laurel which Shorty had bashfully tangled in the heavy waves, declaring that the pink and white of the lovely blossoms was a dead match for her skin. She was deep in thought, and the expression in her showed her to be many long miles away from Goldsboro. She had only half heard her mother's allusions to her scanty wed ding wardrobe, and the lack of bridal finery was not troubling her in the least.
Annabel and her mother were much more concerned over that than she was. Mrs. Klegg belonged to the thrifty housewifely class who began laying away linen for the daughters of the house, the minute the babies were out of swaddling clothes. As soon as the daughters could thread a needle, they were set to work at hem-ming the big linen sheets and towels, and a little later to hemstitching pillowslips and tablecloths. In the great chests at home Maria had dozens of each of these hous hold necessities neatly packed away in layers of lavender, and in the cedar box which a far-away Klegg had brought from a sea voyage she had piles and piles of beautiful lingerie, daintily tucked and In the press notices of the death of ex-Gov. Ramsey, of Minnesota, it was stated that ex-Gov. Sprague, of Rhode Island, industriously mangled her left forefinger through several years of scratching gath ers and fine felling and stitching, ge ready for the day which every girl in those long ago years looked forward to long before a man appeared on the hori-zon" who might in any way be suspected

fuir, and if him and me went away any where I had about decided that gray alwhich, however, in the nature of things, is of uncertain tenure, being on the extreme outer edge of human life. But I shall endeavor to follow the advice of the Angel to our forefather Adam;

"'Nor love thy life nor hate; but what thou liv'st where I had about decided that gray alpace would be the dress I would like to go away in. If we went to Indianapolis, I would want to have nice dresses, of course, and with care could make them last at least 10 years. You can turn and dye both poplin and alpaca, you know; so they wouldn't be so very expensive in

the long run." responded Mrs. Klegg, apparent ly understanding Maria's ewishes, and, motherlike, desirous of gratifying them. "No, them dresses would be cheap enough in the long run. I've wore my black Irish poplin, that your uncle Daniel brought me from his last voyage, for nearly 20 years, and it ain't been dyed but once. Now, if you would just wait, Maria," suggested

drs. Klegg reflectively.

But Maria negatived that proposition in a second. "No, Mother, I will not wait.
If I was to wait for clothes, I might have no husband to wed. It's all right, ain't it, Pa?" she asked as she jumped to her feet and flung her arms around the Dea con, who came into the dining room at that moment.

"Bless me, yes, I suppose it is, if you say so," he said benignantly, as he beamed on Maria through his big spectacles. he asked as he began to scoop brown sugar into a cup of coffee for one of th

'Isn't it all right for me to marry Will to-day, if I want to?"
"U-m, we-l-l, yes, I suppose it is, pro viding Will is willing to be married off-

hand," he replied tensingly.
"For mercy's sake, Father," interjected Mrs. Klegg, "are you trying to make syrup of that coffee? That brown sugar. s strong anyhow, and you've filled the cup

"Si said he hadn't had enough sugar his coffee for two years, and I thought I'd get enough in for one time," replied the Deacon, as he stirred the black mass with a steel knife. "But, Pa, you ain't answered my ques

tion," insisted Maria.
"Daughter," replied the Deacon car-nestly, "you are old enough to know your own mind, and Jiotu Ma and I choose a husband for you. I ain't an objec-tion in the world to Will. I don't know anything about his past, up to the time that him and Sixcome together, but his record since then has been exactly what it ought to be, though if he was a pro-fessor, me and your ma would like it a little better. I suppose that army life ain't the best schoolin' for a man who is seekin' light, but we can pervail on Will to see the error of his ways after while, may be. It seems kind of unchristian for, a girl to get married in such surround-ings as these, but and the Deacon hesi-tated a little before adding, "I guess that what Will needs is a good nurse, and the Lord knows that a wife is the best nurse that a man can have, if she is so minded child, but remember it is a solemn thing you are about to do. For betor for worse,' daughter. Will's mighty near a wreck, physically, and there may be a lot of woe and heartache first came here, telling her to keep up her ahead of you; but remember this, daughter, that while you and Will do right, that you and him will always find a welcome you and him will always find a welcome home and they would be together altoways. He seemed to be doing very well, included, but he got hold of something and your and you was a long speech for the Deager to the property and prompting and purple a letter for him to her when he was at a dance. I don't think such wom the deartache first came here, telling her to keep up her en ought to have children, do you, Ma? I am dreadful lonesome, Ma, ain't you come home of his sister-in-law in Oneida. N. Y., to home, no matter how the wind blows, or what storms come."

It was a long speech for the Deager to the prompting and promp

nake, but he dearly loved shis energetic not do anything for him. I would not go away and leave Will to such a chance aching already at the thought of losing her. While he liked Shorty, he felt that it was a long step in the dark that Maria was taking; and he wanted her to think before, not after. Yet, in affairs of the "But it is so awful hard to keep from

giving Si more to eat. He wants it so mess with the cats and chickens and pig

giving Si more to eat. He wants it so much, and he looks at me in such a way that I can't resist," sighed Annabel, furtively slipping back into the plate a couple of boiled eggs that she had contemplated snuggling into Si.

"Dear, dear," murmured Maria, opening one addressed to herself. "Here is such a pitiful one from Mrs. Northrup in answer to the one I wrote her telling her of her son's death. I can't read it. Mother, you take it and read it." The Mother, you take it and read it." The Biddy hen that Miss Harvey tears came into her eyes as she handed Mother, you take it and read it." The calves. The Biddy hen that Miss Harvey tears came into her eyes as she handed give you stole her nest under the big corn heart, he felt himself to be a good deal of a bungler.

"Dear me, Maria," exclaimed the startled old gentleman, as Maria sank on a chair at his side and burst into a perfect storm of sobs. "Dear, dear, what is the startled old gentleman, as Maria sank on a chair at his side and burst into a perfect storm of sobs. "Dear, dear, what is the startled old gentleman, as Maria sank on a chair at his side and burst into a perfect storm of sobs. "Dear, dear, what is the startled old gentleman, as Maria sank on a chair at his side and burst into a perfect storm of sobs. "Dear, dear, what is the

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lovely velopes, pink-lined, and crude, school-girly
lines, and if she had been
lovely brave, but—oh, it's just dreadful to see
lovely brave, but—oh, it's just dreadful to see
lovely addresses scrawled on them. "I declare,
but her penmanship was none of the best



big wedding. Pa' is plenty able to afford it, and he never was stingy in his life.

I supposed that of course I would be married in white—I even thought I would be very extravagant and have a white poplin. They are awful pretty, I think; and then, of course, I thought I'd have some artificial orange blossoms like them that Katherine Alexander had in her veil. And then, I wanted white gloves and white shoes, too. I thought I'd have a blue silk, one just the color of the field in the flag, trimmed in bands of white silk, for the Ingressian to suffer a little, because the things. The shoes letters are much right to suffer a little, because the things. she had to face must be carried out in op-position to all the teachings of her social I will report you to Gen. McGillicuddy;

ife.
"Now, Maria," said Annabel a little wistfully, laying her hand on Maria's, "if you just would let's talk about the wedding"—

and holding the letters higher up, that I ought to take these in to your superior officers, Sergts. Klegg-and Elliott, to see ding""That's exactly what I'm going to do,"

broke in Maria. "Well, the thing that interests me most," said Annabel, "is the wedding dress. I must make it of course. What

will you be married in?" Maria began to look worried again. don't know. I do wonder if I dare to think of a white dress? But I don't care," she added defiantly. "I'm going to marry the boy, by jumping up, could reach the letters. He grabbed them and rushed off Will at the end of the week, if I have to wrap a sheet around me.' writing," cried Maria, excitedly coming to the next envelope, "and its from her, too; it's post marked 'Bean Blossom Creek.' Come quick, while I open it, I can read

"Oh, Maria," cried Annabel, aghast. "End of the week? Why, we can't get anything fixed by that time." Well, then, I dont see anything for it

but the sheet"—
"I have it," and Annabel jumped up and gave Maria a squeeze that made her get red in the face. "You shall have a get red in the face. white dress, you shall, indeed; and it will be a beauty, too. I can get it made easy

"Well, Annabel." laughed Maria, you must be a conjurer, as Elephant says.
"Me married in white! There isn't a white thing in Goldsboro but the sheets old speckled hen, which just will set in spite of me. She's fetched off one hatch-chickens and they are so cute, but ough, and — "Well, Annabel," laughed Maria, "you

"That is just it." replied Annabel excitedly, and clapping her hands in sheer

joy. "Sheets is what I meant." Maria looked dubious, while Mrs. Klegg came to the front again. "Are you sure "Indeed I am," returned the little lady, "In that lot of sheets were four big linen

ones. They are perfect beauties, and how they ever got into that box is a mystery to me, but there they are, for I saw Father take them out and lay them aside. Father take them out and lay them aside. Now, Maria, your wedding dress is planned. The skirt shall be very long all around, and shall have a deep hem. I will make the waist Garibaldi, and can trim it with the lace on that pocket hand-tim it with the lace on that pocket hand-thread that her grandmother made, and there will be enough to trim the band at the neck and the wrists. You shall have to wear under it that new to wear under it that new

it on. I did every stitch of the embroid-ery on it myself, and it took the premium of the County Fair, you know. Now, Miss Klegg, am I not a sure-enough con-

Thereupon ensued a discussion of details in which three women tried their best to get each ahead of the other, and none of them, got a very clear understand-ing about anything.

The confab was interrupted by the arrival of the post-office orderly with the letters, which he handed to Maria. for poor Jim Clark, only buried yester-day. I am sure it is from his wife. I with the croup last pick.

over-ate himself, and the doctors could Give Si a whole lot of love and a hundred not do anything for him. I would not kisses from his little sister, and I spose

spelling out the letter, for it was no easy task to read Mandy's cramped characters. monials of social life, and if she had been so placed would have made a very swell so big and strong. Just-let-me ha-have society woman, for she was adaptable, and a true-born gentlewoman.

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You've got no right to.

and the boy's expression grew stormy.
"I really think, said Maria, mockingly.

whether they ought to be given to you."
"Superior nothing," shouted the boy.

"There ain't no superiors in the army when it comes to letters. Give me them

letters. It is a court-martial offense to

meddle with a man's letters. Give me

them, or I will have you court-mar-tialled." Maria lowered her hand until

for his partner.
"Oh, Ma! here is one in Mandy's hand

that child's hand writing better than you can, Ma. My, she certainly has laid her-

self out to do matters up brown. It's to

" Door Po and Me and the Girle: I don't

spose you are caring a snap about me or anything here in Indiana, now that you

ing of chickens and they are so cute, but the hateful old thing won't take care of

things in the kitchen most of the time.

When I get home from school I let them

out for a few minutes and they seem so

glad. I try to feed them just like you do,

Ma, but three has died. There is twelve

dress has got all tore out at the belt

eyes tore out, and my stockings are com-

ing full of holes. I can't knit me any for the yarn has give out that you left.

Wasn't that doing pretty good for me. I croshayed her a pair of mittens too. They

Old Zeke dosn't like them and he

all of us inside:

Maria saw that her father was really vorried, and that it was likely to make them all unhappy, so in her straightforward fashion she set things right in few words. "Father, you and Ma shal go home right after the wedding, and we have set that for next week. I feel very sure that Annabel and me can get along by that time, for Si and Will ought to able to get around a little by next week, and once they are out of bed we will have no more trouble. Now do try to be contented till after that, and then you can go right home. If the boys are fit, we might all go on the boat together as far as Washington?" This with an inquiring inflection which included all pres-

"Do you think it would do Father?" asked Mrs. Klegg anxiously. The excitement had subsided, the need for her exacting care was no longer pressing, and like all home bodies, she felt that she was needed on the farm. "Just to think of a girl of mine wearing stockings with holes in them," she remarked to Annabel "I could shake the child. That meddlet

lifted his cap. "The General presents his compliments, and desires me to say that he has heard rumors of a contemplated marriage of one of his Sergeants, and if

that be true he solicits an invitation."

Maria blushed furiously as her eyes met those of the handsome young was showing all his teeth in Annabel looked a little frightened was afraid that the General was going to declare the wedding off. She was all ways in a state of constant expectation of Colonels and Generals doing terrible things. To interfere with the now might kill Shorty and break Maria'

Mrs. Klegg was mistress of the situation, as she generally was. A woman who had lately visited the President of the United States was not to be abashed by any of his subordinates. "You can tell the General, sir," she said with quiet dignity expect a marriage between Mr. Wil glad to have him and all the other friends

of Mr. Elliott and my son present."

Then her woman's curiosity got the bet-"How in the world did the General know there was to be a wedding?

she asked.
"Everybody in camp knows it now," an swered the Lieutenant. "I think you can give little Pete the credit for that. 'Little pitchers,' you know. We are all very much interested in the matter, because we are very fond, indeed, of Shorty, or. I should say, Serg't Elliott, and the boys want to give him a great send-off. (To be continued.)

Post Office Getting Busy.

The first arrest as an outcome of the Post Office Department investigation came ant Attorney, was held for accepting a bribe. Removal from his place preceded the action of the law officers, and he was placed in custody by Inspector Chew in the Office of Assistant Attorney-General Robb till his bail had been arranged with United States Attorney Beach. rest caused a sensation at the Depart

The official story of the proceedings is Brimstone has five little kittens, and one of them is yellow-and-white like All the rest are just black-and-white rty-gray. I keep them in the bit-had

left. Brimstone has five little kittens, and only one of them is yellow-and-white like or dirty-gray. I keep them in the kitchen Daniel V. Miller, Assistant Attorney too. Old Zeke dosn't like them and he she office of the Assistant Attorney-Gen got one and shook it most to death. The eral for the Post Office Department, is thinks that something is the matter with plaint was made by Inspector Fulton be the other sheep. I wish Pa was home to fore a United States Commissioner in Cinto wear under it that new white petti-coat that I brought, and have never had looking real fine, and Jarvis says its sued. Inspector Fulton arrived here yes mighty nigh time to be getting the corn terday, and this morning exhibited the pa n. I wish Pa was here, the place needs pers to District Attorney The arrest of the person who offered the alleged bribe will probably follow soon.

> A MOST efficient worker has been rec ognized and continued where he can be ef fective for good in the reappointment of Comrade C. A. Partridge as Assistant Ad-Sam Rodger's little girl needed some stockings and I knit her a pair in three days. Comrade C. A. Partridge as Assistant Adings and I knit her a pair in three days. nois, G. A. R. He served in the 96th Ill., and has been for several years Assistant Adjutant-General of the Department, with Headquarters at-Memorial Hall, Chicago. He has made an enviable reputation for ability and promptness in managing the

> > where, at the outbreak of the war, he raised a company which became Co. C. officer in the 9th Mo. Cav. and the 15th

kisses from his little sister, and I spose room me. I like him but I would like him Ridge, and was on the staff of Gen. Schobetter if there was more of him. He's field as Provost Marshal, Judge-Advocate so awful thin. "I wish Maria was home to help me office "But it is so awful hard to keep from clean up the kitchen. It is in an awful Mo.